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Following the events in Umpqua, Oregon, in which 10 people were killed, the safety of campuses across America has been brought to the forefront of the nation’s mind.

# ‘Run. Hide. Fight.’

The threat of an active shooter may be difficult to defend

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Since the year 2006, America has experienced more than 200 mass killings, according to USA Today. Many, like the recent tragedy that struck Umpqua, Oregon, have taken place in

school buildings and on college campuses.

Each time an event of this magnitude happens to the nation’s students, it not only calls into question the motives of the shooter and what can be changed to prevent this from happening again, but it also brings to ques-

tion the safety of those pursuing education all over.

Providing safety for students during the threat of an active shooter is a difficult task that every campus across America has been called to address.

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## NEWS BRIEF

### City plans youth basketball clinic

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Maryville Parks & Recreation opened registration for its annual Youth Basketball Clinic on Tuesday, Sept. 29 registration for the clinic will end Saturday, Oct. 17.

“Maryville Parks & Recreation has done this every year for about thirty years and provides a new physical fitness outlet to the children. The clinic encourages the children to do something physical and learn how to be a part of a team,” said Brian Howard Recreation Supervisor.

The clinic is open to all area youths in grades three through six and will include five sessions held on Sundays in November. The first session will be held Sunday, Nov. 1 and open to both genders. There will be set times for each gender’s clinic; the boys’ clinic will be held from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and the girls’ clinic will be held from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The clinic aims to mix both personal and group time to teach the children not only the skills involved in basketball, but also the fundamentals of the game, all while providing them with a fun and memorable experience.

“The clinic gives area youths a chance to learn the fundamentals of basketball through drills,” Howard said, “It is a nice opportunity for the children to learn the game which they can then apply and use for the basketball leagues that begin in January.

# Dream It. Do It. pushes industrial work

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The city of Maryville thrives on a healthy manufacturing sector. Kawasaki in particular employs upwards of 800 people according to their Facebook page, with an upcoming multi-million dollar expansion adding 30 jobs on top of more assembly line positions.

Good pay and ease of entry re-

main the biggest incentives for potential employees to go into manufacturing. The real challenge lies in keeping workers. Many factory workers often lose interest and find other employment. The Missouri Chamber of Commerce will implement an initiative that hopefully brings interest to manufacturing as a career.

The Manufacturing Institute started Dream It. Do It. in 2005 as

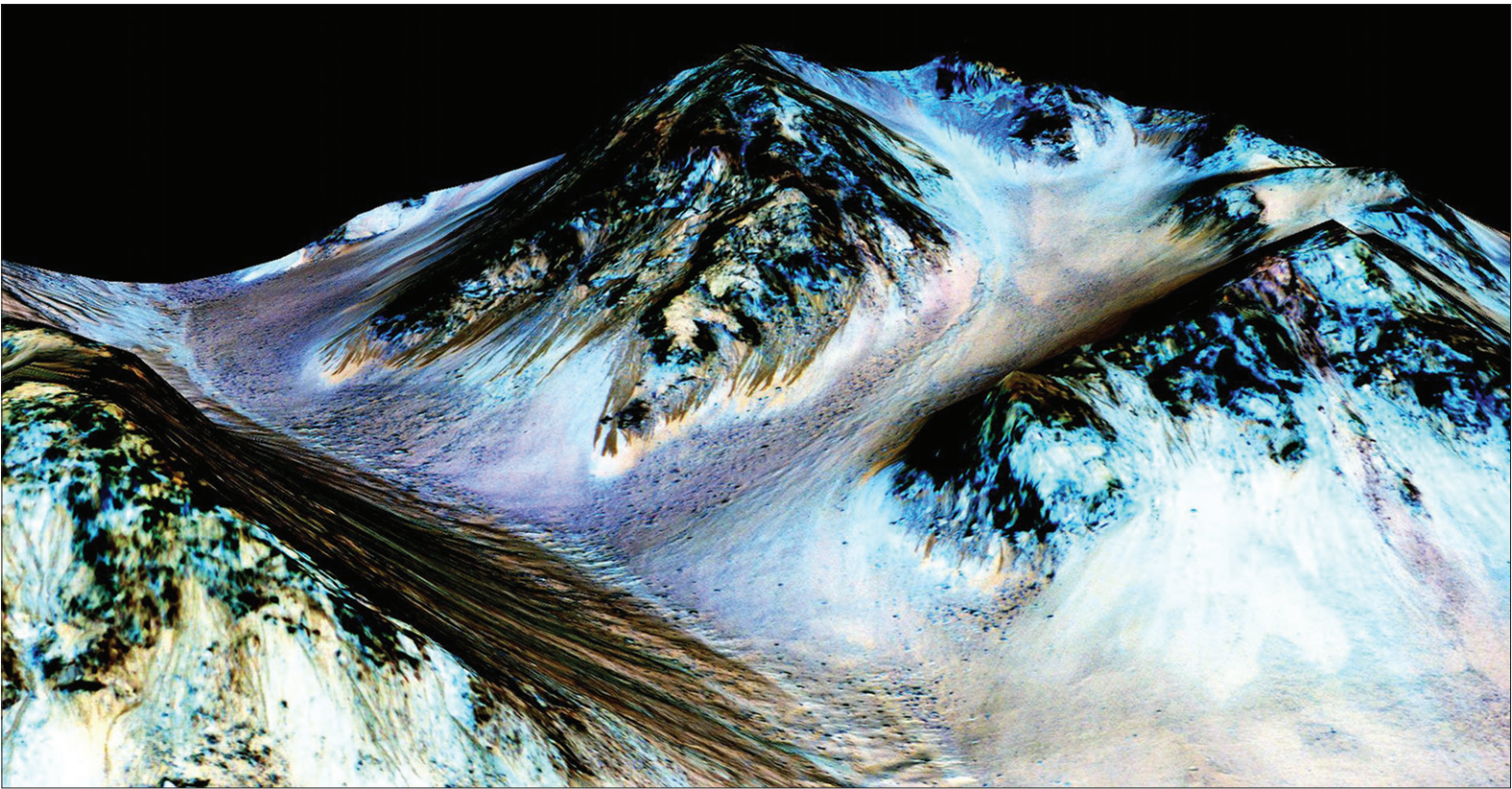
an effort to change how people view manufacturing as a career. The initiative joins communities in targeting students, parents and educators in seeing the value of doing factory work.

The Manufacturing Institute’s website points out the changing nature of factory work in the article Inspiring Youth with Dream It. Do It.

“Only 35 percent of parents say they would encourage their children

to pursue careers in manufacturing, despite the advanced skills and high pay that are characteristic of work in today’s advanced manufacturing industry. This is due to a perception of manufacturing that existed a generation ago but does not represent the current reality of the industry,” the article said.

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REX FEATURES VIA AP IMAGES

Dark, narrow streaks on Martian slopes such as these at Hale Crater are inferred to be formed by seasonal flow of water on contemporary Mars.

# NASA discovers water on the red planet

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We might be getting closer to finding life on Mars.

Sept. 28, NASA released a statement saying that it had discovered

water on Mars. NASA calls the water “potentially life giving.”

According to CNN, the discovery itself does not offer evidence of life on Mars, but it does boost hopes that the harsh landscape still offers a chance for microbes to cling to ex-

istence.

“The existence of liquid water, even if it is super salty, briny water, gives the possibility that if there’s life on Mars, that we have a way to describe how it might survive,” Associate Administrator for the Sci-

ence Mission Directorate at NASA, John Grunsfeld said.

Many experts have given their input on what the discoveries could mean even an expert at Northwest.

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# Planned Parenthood investigations turn up negative

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Over the last few weeks, the debate over Planned Parenthood has been at the forefront of the news. A possible government shutdown was even discussed because no unanimous decision was reached on how to fund Planned Parenthood.

Government funding of Planned Parenthood is always a controversial topic due to abortion services.

After a video was released by anti-abortion activists, there were allegations made against officials from Planned Parenthood, accusing them of transferring fetal tissue for medical research.

This sparked outrage among anti-abortion groups. It is illegal for fetal tissue to be sold.

These allegations also caused national investigations at multiple Planned Parenthood centers.

Reports came back stating no evidence was found to support these claims. The St. Louis surgical abortion facility was among the clinics investigated.

There were three separate investigations of the St. Louis center. One was conducted by Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster, and the other two by each the House and Senate.

"We have discovered no evidence whatsoever to suggest that Planned Parenthood's St. Louis facility is selling fetal tissue," Koster said.

Missouri is one of six states that has been cleared so far. Other states cleared are Massachusetts, Indiana, South Dakota, Georgia, and Pennsylvania.

According to MSNBC, at least 11 states have launched investigations into Planned Parenthood.

Planned Parenthood of the St. Louis Region and Southwest Missouri President and CEO Mary Kogut was fully cooperative with the state's investigation.

"The organization is pleased, but not surprised with the report's conclusion," Kogut said.

Texas, Ohio, Louisiana, Kansas, Florida, and Arizona remain under investigation.



NICK UTI | AP PHOTO

Planned Parenthood supporters rally for women's access to reproductive health care on "National Pink Out Day" at Los Angeles City Hall, Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2015.

This topic is highly discussed among students on Northwest's campus and people often have very strong opinions on the topic because of issues regarding abortion.

"I am wholeheartedly against abortion because I feel that all potential beings should be given an opportunity at life regardless of the

situation. However, being from St. Louis, I am glad to know that the clinics are not doing anything illegal after they perform the services," Sophomore Melandy Myer said.

There are also many students with the opposite opinion who would have a problem if Planned Parenthood was found to be doing

something illegal.

"I do not have a problem with abortion. Why bring something into the world if you are not able to take care of it? However, if they were to find evidence of the centers doing something wrong, that could possibly change my view but since so far they are not, I don't see a problem

with it," Sophomore Alize Mo'land said.

Regardless of their stance on abortion, most students are glad that the centers are not breaking the law because being able to trust the doctors and companies who provide health services is very important.

# Alumni association appoints new board members

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The Northwest Missouri State Alumni Association appointed three new members to the Board of Directors.

The new Board of Directors

members are Randy Cody, Dustin Wasson and Allison Kreifels.

All of the new board members said they are very excited to start their position. Kreifels said she is especially honored to be a part of the Board of Directors.

"I would say overall my goal is

to work together to strengthen the connection that Bearcats have with each other, the University and the community," Kreifels said. "I would say my change is really an addition and strengthens the alumni base in the eastern Nebraska area. There are a lot of alumni near me who are proud Bearcats. I see this opportunity as one to engage and educate this group of alumni to network with each other and support future Bearcats."

All of these new Board of Directors came from very different backgrounds.

Cody is a 1999 fall graduate with a degree in Agriculture Business. He now works as a branch manager in his hometown of Carson, Iowa. Cody met his wife, Lynn, at Northwest and they now have two daughters.

Wasson graduated with a Bachelor of Science from Northwest in 2003 and majored in broadcasting. For the last 10 years, he has been working for Avery's Floor Mats in Laddonia, Missouri as a graphic designer and Information Technolo-

gy. Now, Wasson is the Operations and Facilities manager for the bank. Wasson has been serving as Mayor for the city of Perry, Missouri since 2012.

Kreifels is a 2006 graduate from Northwest. She received her Bachelors in Family and Consumer Sciences Education. She came back to Northwest and completed her Masters in Secondary Administration in 2011. Kreifels is currently employed at the Nebraska Department of Education as the Family and Consumer Sciences Career Field Specialist and Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) State Adviser.

The Alumni Association has many responsibilities. According to Northwest's Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Gifts Bob Machovsky, they oversee all alumni activities. Northwest has 22 alumni chapters across the United States and one in Japan.

The main goal for the Alumni Association is to foster lifelong relationships through initiatives and opportunities that advance the Univer-

sity and its Alumni, future alumni, and friends.

The association said they do this through three main areas of focus: connect, mentor, and promote. The Alumni Association wants to connect Bearcats with other Bearcats, mentor them to meet their own personal goals and promote Bearcats to better share the Northwest story with current and potential stakeholders.

The next big event for the Alumni Association is a free breakfast for alumni and students during the homecoming parade. They will also celebrate various reunions such as the Golden Reunion for the Class of 1965.

Machovsky has very high expectations when it comes to the new Board of Directors.

"We like to see them involved by going to the meetings, attending University events and just being active," Machovsky said.

Machovsky encourages everyone to come out to the Alumni events and meet the new board of directors.

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Northwest students Sephrina Knorr (top) and Lyndsay Urban (left) participate in the annual blood drive.

## Volunteer donations on the increase with campus blood drive

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As many students were walking around second floor of the J. W. Jones Student Union, they may have been seeing some people walking around with blue bandages on their arms. All of them made a huge sacrifice to help others in need.

The Student Senate hosted a blood drive for the Community Blood Center in St. Joseph, MO. The Community Blood Center was established in 1958 and they collected approximately 13,000 units of blood in the first year. The Community Blood Center needs about 580 people to donate to meet the needs of area hospitals.

The blood drive ran from Tuesday, Sept. 29, to Thursday, Oct. 1 in the Union.

The Student Senate hosts three different blood drives during the school year: one in fall, winter and spring. Last year during the blood drives, they had around 80 to 90 people through the door and collected 745 units of blood at all three blood drives combined, the highest number of units in the area.

This year, the blood drive was even larger than last year.

"There were 113 people that came through the door (on Wednesday)," said Morgan Maxwell, Student Senate Civic Ser-

vice Chair.

Even though many people contribute their time and blood to help others, Maxwell has even a deeper reason to donate blood.

"Just think, if your family needed blood, these people could be saving your family members," Maxwell said.

Not everyone was able to donate, though. One of the most common reasons people could not donate blood were low iron levels.

Many people are unsure about donating blood, but Civic Service Co-Chair sophomore Jake Hain said doing so has many benefits.

"One donation can save three lives. So basically in less than an hour, you can save three lives," Hain said.

Many people worldwide, like junior Larissa Backhaus, try to donate as much as possible. Backhaus is very enthusiastic about donating blood for many reasons.

"Everyone should donate blood. It is an easy thing to do. It makes you feel good and it helps people. And it gets you out of exercising for the day," Backhaus said.

At the end of the blood drive, Northwest had about 300 people through the doors. They ended up donating about 250 pints of blood, which will all help people in need.

## Rob Rice offers listening posts for crime victims

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Prosecuting Attorney of Nodaway County, Missouri Robert Rice plans to attempt two things. First, he wants to host a series of seminars across the communities of Nodaway County to listen to the people's concerns regarding the law. Second, he would like to inform others about bad checks and the problems they cause.

He hopes to offer his services to anyone who comes to him with law-related concerns. Rice would like to discuss that it is all right to contact the police and inform the citizens about the basics of the law.

"We want to raise awareness, to let folks know that when they are

hurt by a crime, how important it is to report to law enforcement, to let them know there is support and encouragement for them, and we are there to help them get retribution," Rice said. "What I hope to accomplish is listening to the concerns of the folks of Nodaway county, whatever questions they have, whatever concerns, anything that is on their mind, to get their answer to them, and to be responsive to the people of county."

Rice encourages everybody to attend so they can take advantage of the services provided by the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney.

To date, Rice collected over \$330,000 in bad check restitution since 2011 without any out of pocket expense to victims.

"Crime victims have rights. The bad guy isn't the only one to get the Miranda Rights. The crime victims have the right to a notification to dissipation and participation of prosecution of a case through the Missouri criminal justice system. I also want folks to know about my bad check policy. Writing a bad check is the same thing as stealing in my mind. I want everyone to know I aggressively pursue bad check writers for victimizing innocent people. Also, crime victims are guaranteed notification rights and participation in the Missouri Criminal Justice System. I am an advocate for victims' rights. I hope people will attend one of my listening posts so they know of the services my office offers to protect law abiding citizens," Rice said.

### ROB RICE'S LISTENING POSTS

#### OCT. 12

##### 8:00 A.M. @ ELMO

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##### 9:30 A.M. @ CLEARMONT

Next to the post office building.

##### 11:00 A.M. @ BURLINGTON JUNCTION

Next to the American Legion building.

##### 12:30 P.M. @ PICKERING

Next to the community building.

##### 2 P.M. @ HOPKINS

Next to the community building.

##### 4 P.M. SKIDMORE

Next to City Hall.

#### OCT. 14

##### 8 A.M. @ PARNELL

Next to American Legion building.

##### 9:30 A.M. RAVENWOOD

Next to the community building.

##### 11 A.M. @ CONCEPTION & CONCEPTION JUNCTION

Next to American Legion building.

##### 1:30 P.M. @ BARNARD

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# Strict gun laws may enhance students safety

It seems we are stuck in a dark cycle. Tragedy strikes, we grieve, we point fingers and then we forget. Once everything seems back in order, tragedy strikes again.

Last Thursday, Oct. 1, in Oregon the cycle started once again. Christopher Harper-Mercer, 26, entered a classroom at Umqua Community College and opened fire on his classmates. Nine victims lost their lives before the horror ended. This is the most recent case in an endless string of mass shootings in the United States.

With each mass shooting comes a call to action. The first argument that arises from these situations is the necessity of gun control. Nearly 77 percent of all mass killings involve a firearm, according to USA Today. Extremists lie on both sides of the argument.

For some, the only solution to this issue is strict control over all firearms. On the other end, people argue that this is a clear infringement of the 2nd amendment right we have all been guaranteed.

There is no need for anyone to own a fully

automatic assault rifle. Claims have been made that an assault weapons ban could greatly impact the frequency and severity of mass shootings. This point has been made time and time again. However, it has been found that assault weapons were used in only 27.1 percent of mass shootings. Handguns were used in 72 percent, according to USA Today.

As soon as a mass shooting hits the news, we all begin to point fingers. We find something or someone to blame and then we move on. It is clear that as a nation, we are not doing enough to combat this senseless violence.

The solution is clear, but it is not very clean. The claim is often made that “guns don’t kill people, people kill people.” This is true, people do kill people. However, someone with a gun is immensely more capable of killing a large group of people than someone without a gun.

There is no way for us to determine someone’s mental stability before allowing them to purchase a gun. There is no way for us to predict which gun owners will use their firearms in a re-

sponsible manner.

There are countless examples of countries with strict gun laws that have greatly minimized gun violence. After the 1996 Port Arthur massacre in Australia, in which 35 individuals were killed, the government took action.

According to CNN, an array of new gun laws were implemented, including a ban on a wide assortment of firearms. Since the year 1996 and the introduction of strict regulations, Australia has seen astounding results. In the years following the Port Arthur massacre, the risk of dying by gunshot decreased more than 50 percent. Not only did this action nearly eliminate mass shootings in Australia, it also lowered the firearm suicide rate by nearly 80 percent.

It has been made clear that this is not a short term problem. We will not see the solution in the near future, but it is important that we start toward a more positive direction. Gun control alone will not put an end to the violence we see, but it is a great place to start.

# NASA’s announcement supprises skeptics



OK, NASA. Good one this time.

My love affair with NASA has been long and painful. I can only imagine this is what it must be like to be married to Megan Fox. Sure, it’s great for people to see me hold her hand in public, but conversations over dinner make my head swim.

Last week, NASA teased it had solved a “Mars mystery” and would reveal to the world on Sept. 28 that the Caveman who chased Shaggy and Scooby all over Oceanland was simply Professor Wayne in a rubber mask, or something.

It wouldn’t be the first time those meddling kids at NASA jerked me around. A November 2010 press release promised a discov-

ery that would “impact the search for evidence of extraterrestrial life.” Using the words “extra-terrestrial” and “life” in an official NASA press release should be like a doctor saying, “You’re pregnant.” Boom. Lock it up. I’m feeling a bit nauseous, would you hand me the trashcan?

The announcement was that an arsenic-based bacteria lived in a California lake, so if an arsenic-based bacteria can survive the high taxes in California, why can’t little gray aliens?

That’s why I’m a bit skeptical whenever NASA has a big announcement about Mars. Their announcements usually consist of “Mars’ sky is more blue than we originally thought,” “Wow. It’s dusty up there. Really, really dusty,” and, “Hey, you can stop looking, guys. Bob finally found his car keys. They were in his pants the whole time. Oh, Bob.”

NASA finally didn’t let me down. The announcement revealed there’s liquid salt water on Mars.

It’s no secret there’s water on Mars, it’s just that the water is frozen at the poles. It’s also no secret there were once rivers and oceans on Mars because we can see water erosion and ocean shorelines.

NASA scientists have estimated there was once more water on Mars than the 4.4 million-gallon Arctic Ocean (not bad for a planet with about half the diameter of Earth), but when an asteroid bombardment shredded the planet’s atmosphere about 4 billion years ago, most of that water floated into space. Scientists speculate the rest probably soaked into the ground.

The fact that there’s still liquid water is the important part. Liquid water is necessary for life as we know it.

Mars is the most Earth-like planet in our solar system. It has an atmosphere, clouds, polar ice caps, wind, global warming (seriously) and probably a Starbucks. Ever since Italian astronomer Giovanni Schiaparelli declared there were canals on the Red Planet in 1877,

people have thought that meant the planet had intelligent life.

Canali means a natural “channel” in Italian, not a manmade “canal” as thought by the majority of the planet that doesn’t speak Italian.

“Our quest on Mars has been to ‘follow the water’ in our search for life in the universe, and now we have convincing science that validates what we’ve long suspected,” NASA’s John Grunsfeld said in a press statement. “The existence of liquid water, even if it is super salty briny water, gives the possibility that if there’s life on Mars, that we have a way to describe how it might survive.”

No, NASA still hasn’t said there’s life on Mars, but much like Megan Fox capturing Bigfoot (she told a Comic-Con audience she could do it. No problem), that announcement is getting closer. While I may not be able to go to Mars to help NASA, I can still do my patriotic duty. I’m willing to go camping with Megan Fox to help her find Bigfoot.

## Increased funding does not improve public education



Higher education continues as a foundation of the modern workforce. Many employers expect potential employees to understand the latest trends and stay on top of technological advances. University professors give students insight in the classroom they otherwise wouldn’t receive. High school graduates can get by without college, but face serious hurdles in comparison to peers of similar experience with degrees. Excessive costs remain the biggest barrier to those who reject a college-bound path. Governor Jay Nixon’s tuition freeze helps students but points a much larger problem with our public education system.

According to the Kansas City Star article, Gov. Jay Nixon’s deal is a win for Missouri’s colleges and students. Nixon proposes increasing college funding by six percent or roughly \$55 million in exchange for freezing tuition rates over the course of the next year. Also, schools that receive funding must meet certain criteria directly measured by their performance.

Northwest tuition now costs \$14,780 a year for out-of-state students and sadly those costs remain on the lower end of most public universities. Compare those costs to a student fresh out of high school going and buying not one, but four cars with absolutely no adequate and guaranteed source of income, such a financial risk amounts to monetary suicide. Scholarships and Federal aid help offset the costs, but many students must juggle between school, work and internships which make keeping the necessary GPA a nearly impossible task.

I can’t stress enough the importance of allowing any average American willing to put in the effort to have a quality and affordable higher education. Our public education system isn’t broken, it is a disaster. Students work hard for the far-off hope of obtaining a dream job all because they want to enjoy earning their living. Many people just skid slowly through life living for nothing more than the weekend.

Our high school counselors, teachers, parents and peers told us that we needed college but failed to explain that degrees don’t guarantee dreams. College students face two limiting factors in making their dreams come to fruition: time and money. On top of that, many students have no idea what they want to do with their lives, yet educators herd them blindly through university doors.

Increasing financial aid, while helpful, doesn’t address the root of the problem: we need more jobs and more qualified people who want to fill those positions. Our public education system focuses so much on giving students a general education that they end up forgetting. We need math, science, history and English, but neglect applicable life and work skills necessary to secure what the students want and need out of a potential career. High schools don’t do enough to explore students’ talents and vocational desires. This neglect adds to expensively wasted years in college trying to figure things out. Educators do the same song and dance because our government threatens to take away funding if students don’t shade in enough of the right bubbles.

The public education system has been inflated with enough distractions and flat out lies. Honestly, we never use cursive aside from signing our own names, I’ve not had to plot the coordinates of an asymptote, or needed know the equation for acceleration. It’s about time that we burst that public education bubble and overhaul the whole system.







# IN CASE YOU MISSED IT



Stephanie Meyer has re-written the Twilight series, however, she has swapped the genders of the characters.



American Horror Story: Hotel season 5, premiered Wednesday Oct. 7.  
The Walking Dead season 6 premieres this Sunday Oct. 11 on AMC at 8 p.m.  
Pan, the retelling of Peter Pan, starring Hugh Jackman will be released in theaters Friday Oct. 9.



Will Smith is planning a comeback to the music scene. It was reported Tuesday Oct. 6 by the British Broadcast Company that he is recording new music and planning a world tour.



McDonald's now serves all day breakfast, but the food offered is limited due to supply and demand variations at each restaurant.  
Halloween is in three weeks, costume planning should start now if you have not already decided. Also, remember to stock up on candy during the post Halloween clearance sales.

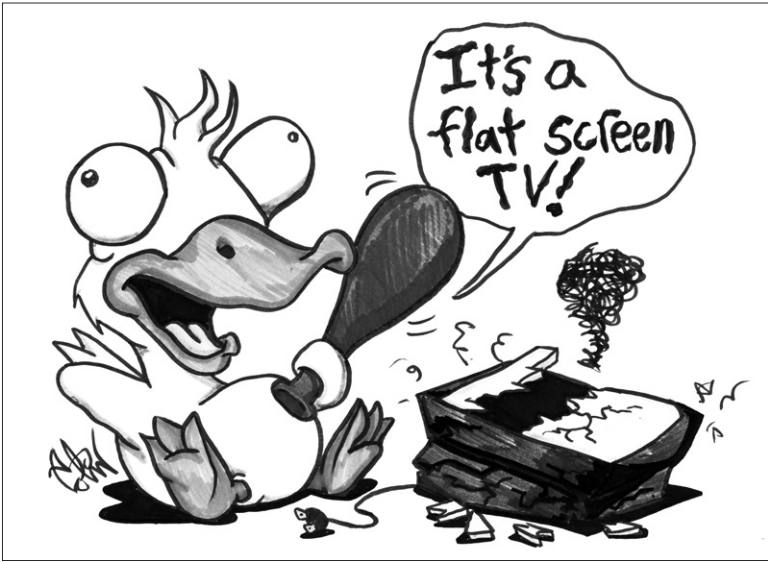
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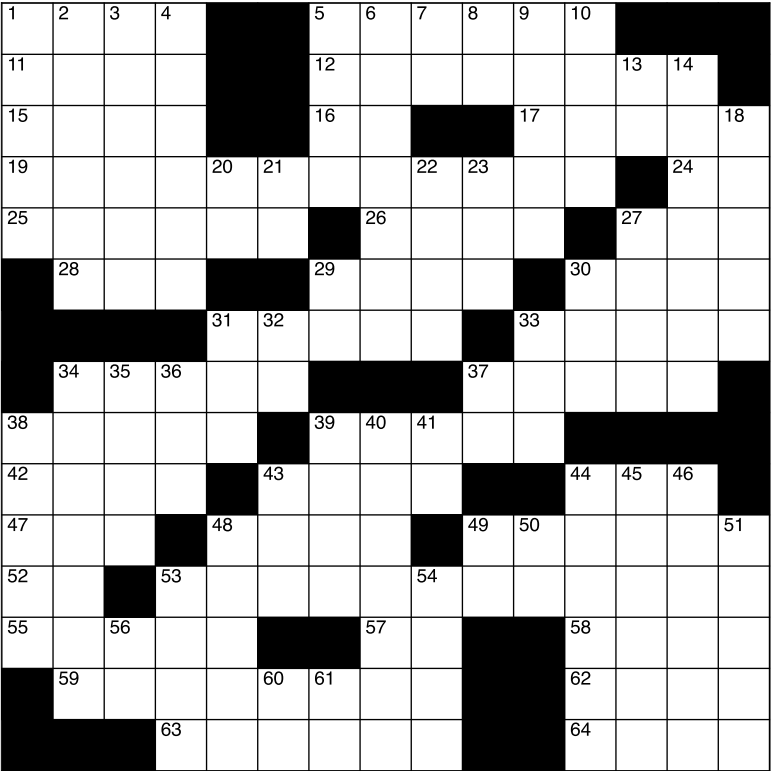
## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

### Clues Across

- 1. Plural of ascus
- 5. Repents
- 11. British School
- 12. Adhesive to catch birds
- 15. Male children
- 16. Oil company
- 17. Intestinal
- 19. Money slogan
- 24. 2nd tone
- 25. In actual truth
- 26. Belgian-French River
- 27. Rural Free Delivery
- 28. Point midway between S and SE
- 29. Texas armadillo
- 30. 2nd largest Hawaiian island
- 31. Pile up
- 33. Changes liquid to vapor
- 34. Yemen capital
- 37. Byways
- 38. V-shaped cut
- 39. Painting on dry plaster
- 42. Daminozide
- 43. Papa's partner
- 44. \_\_\_ -fi: fiction/movie genre
- 47. 1st Soviet space station
- 48. Latvian capital
- 49. Come into view
- 52. Blue Hen school
- 53. Maine water company
- 55. Picture & word puzzle
- 57. Atomic #18
- 58. Xiamen dialect
- 59. Being overzealous
- 62. One who did it (slang)
- 63. Night breathing noises
- 64. A minute amount (Scott)

### Clues Down

- 1. Race of Norse gods
- 2. Large pebbles
- 3. Latin line dances
- 4. The inner sole of a shoe
- 5. A French abbot
- 6. Moves stealthily
- 7. An alternative
- 8. 39th state
- 9. Lotus sports car model
- 10. River fill
- 13. Of I
- 14. Many noises



- 18. Ghana monetary units
- 20. Actor Hughley
- 21. The Cowboy State
- 22. Jests at
- 23. America
- 27. Surprise attack
- 29. Daddy
- 30. Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand
- 31. Express pleasure
- 32. Cellist Yo-Yo
- 33. Bronx cheer
- 34. A more firm substance
- 35. Essential oil obtained from flowers
- 36. Company that rings receipts
- 37. Largest church in Christianity
- 38. Capital of Wallonia
- 39. Heroic tale
- 40. Send forth
- 41. The Golden State
- 43. 1/1000 of an inch
- 44. Angel of the 1st order
- 45. Ukrainian peninsula
- 46. Disregard
- 48. Colophony
- 49. Spanish be
- 50. Military policeman
- 51. Cleopatra's country
- 53. Br. drinking establishments
- 54. Removes moisture
- 56. Liberal Arts degree
- 60. Execute or perform
- 61. Atomic #77

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# Adventure is out there

**Former Missourian editor shares her travels**

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The time for adventure is now. For college students, they already have one foot out the door. Studying abroad is an option that every college student has and can be a rewarding experience.

Enter Northwest Senior Serena Troshynski, previous features editor for the Northwest Missourian.

"I started planning my trip abroad last fall. I picked up a booklet from the study abroad office on campus and spent a lot of time just imagining what it would be like to really go to a university in Italy or Japan. And then, right before the deadline to apply ended, I decided to go for it," Troshynski said.

She is studying abroad in Ireland for the fall 2015 trimester.

"I picked Ireland because of the beautiful scenery, the friendly people, and the rich literary tradition," Troshynski said. "I also chose Ireland because my Grandma Rita was Irish, and while I didn't get to tell her I was going to Ireland because she passed away in December, I think she would be extremely tickled to know I was here."

Of course, being so far away from home has its shortcomings, and it didn't take long for the homesickness to set in.

"My birthday is coming up on Oct. 4th, and I think it might be a sad day, because I will be away from my family and friends. I'm also in a long distance relationship right now, which has its challenges," Troshynski said. "The time difference certainly doesn't help. I'm 6 hours ahead (of) everyone, so I normally stay up until 1 a.m. or 2 a.m. in the morning to talk to everyone after they get off work."

As Serena mentioned, she is in a long distance relationship and balances contact with her family, friends and significant other. However, the thousands of miles that separate the two is not an obstacle they cannot face.

"People like to say that distance makes the heart grow fonder and while that may be true in the long run, it's no consolation for a couple aching to be together again," Serena's significant other, Tom Dresslar said. "However, anyone who is truly

in love knows this: 3 hours often feels the same as 3 days. Even when we were living in the same town it was tough to be apart, so in some respects, the time apart becomes meaningless. The thought of our eventual reunion often keeps us going."

Dresslar has some advice and encouragement for others going through a similar situation.

"It's still important to let your significant other retain their individual identity. That's why you should never be afraid to part with them if an amazing opportunity presents itself to either of you," Dresslar said. "If you're truly in love, then you'll be able to make it through. Remember, you fell in love with the person (he/she) was before you were together."

With all that said, Troshynski is definitely enjoying her time abroad.

"I want to stay open to all my trip has to offer. Expectations can kill an experience, especially when it comes to studying abroad. There is a lot of pressure to constantly have incredible adventures, but the reality is, I'm also in classes and there is a considerable amount of downtime," Troshynski said.

She stresses the importance of picking the right place on an individual basis.

"Choosing which country to study in is so important. It's not like a vacation. I was choosing the place I was going to live for the next three months," Troshynski said. "I really considered studying in London as well. England is a natural fit for an English major, but I couldn't stop thinking about how wonderful it would be to go to Ireland."



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SHAWNA KINGSTON

When traveling to another country, it is important to remember that culture varies from country to country, especially when traveling overseas. However, it may also be surprising to find out America and Ireland shares many similarities.

"It's been surprising how much American culture influences Irish and European culture. One of my first nights here I heard a group of Irish and International students singing the Fresh Prince of Bel Air theme song. I thought maybe it was a fluke thing but I've heard it more than once since then," Troshynski said.

"It's also been interesting to see all the American logos and brands here. In Topshop, there are girls shirts and sweatshirts with NYPD or New England Patriots on them."

Food is another issue entirely. Different countries have different cuisines and America's food is vastly different than Eu-

ropean food.

"I'm missing peanut butter over here, the Irish don't seem to eat it! Most people I've talked to say they can't stand the texture or the taste. The grocery stores here import Skippy and Jif in these tiny, expensive jars, but I can't justify buying it. I also can't find applesauce or microwave popcorn anywhere," Troshynski said.

However, with the tragedy of missing peanut butter and popcorn comes triumph for Troshynski in her travels.

"Make the trip whatever you want it to be. Before I came, a lot of people seemed to think study abroad is just an excuse to party in a foreign country, which is not what I'm about at all. But hey, if that is your thing, there's opportunities for that as well," Troshynski said. "I would say, just be open. This truly is an experience unlike any other and if you have the chance, go for it."



Northwest student Serena Troshynski studies abroad in Northern Ireland, where she is able to explore cities such as Belfast and others.

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Student Sadhana Bhattarai shows off her style during the Intercultural Festival Saturday afternoon.  
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# Northwest hosts first intercultural week

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Bienvenidos y gracias por leyendo mi artículo. Yo lo aprecio. Tú no hablas español? Lo siento.

For many students at Northwest, Spanish is their first language and communication can be a little more difficult.

The walk of flags on campus represents each of the countries that our foreign exchange students originate from. According to Northwest Facts, during fall 2014, 10.7 percent of the students at Northwest were international students.

With this high of a concentration of international students, it is easy to create “us” and “them” groups and exclude different people.

Although Northwest has always encouraged diversity and campus wide acceptance, this is the first year it has hosted a week to celebrate it.

Fine Arts Professor Martha Breckenridge, Ph.D., was on the committee last year when the idea for an Intercultural Week was first proposed.

“Intercultural Week is a wonderful opportunity for the students, faculty and Maryville community to be exposed to different cultures’ garments, dance, music and food,” Breckenridge said. “It’s the goal of the Intercultural Advocacy Committee to connect cultures together.”

The week was organized in just a couple months and the calendar filled up quickly. CIE professor Himadri Chakraborty, Ph.D., has been credited for the majority of the organizing and preparation for this event. Workshops, lectures, performances and other activities happened all over campus.

Tuesday, Sept. 29, Northwest student, Kayla Rodriguez, had the privilege of introducing speaker Juan Rangel, who grew up as Latino in the United States.

“The idea is to cultivate hispanic culture in our community. We want to embrace a wide variety of cultures and the commonalities that we all share,” Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez said she was excited about introducing a hispanic speaker, especially since September is National Hispanic Heritage Month. Rodriguez is also helping to put on a Hispanic Film Festival Oct. 7 through Oct. 9. Five films will be shown from five different countries.

“Each of the movies that are being shown focus on issues that are important in each country at the time the film first aired,” Rodriguez said.

A different group of students at Northwest focused on a culture not from another country, but very much a minority of campus; the deaf community.

American Sign Language Instructor Marcy Roush and her ASL club actively participated in Intercultural Week to bring awareness to the inequality among the deaf community.

“Last week was Deaf Week where the ASL club brought light to what happened in 1898. Alexander Graham Bell said that the oral method was the only thing that could be taught to the deaf,” Roush said. “Sign turned illegal and didn’t come back until the 60s. Then there was a big push to learn sign again until the 80s.”

Roush said she jumped on the opportunity to infuse deaf culture with Intercultural Week. Normally, the ASL club would travel to Kansas City to participate in deaf culture events, but this was their chance to bring those events to Maryville.

Sophomore Victoria Holcomb joined ASL club at the beginning of the semester.

“This is so important to me because it just demonstrates and advocates for the deaf community and represents how our cultures are different and that we can celebrate those differences,” Holcomb said.

Intercultural week provided international students the opportunity to help American students better understand what their lives are like back home. They provided American students with a taste of their culture with a Intercultural Cuisine Tasting.

Northwest’s first run for an Intercultural Week was a success, but the administration is even more excited for next year.

“If we can combine all of our efforts and have a week long of (different cultural weeks) we can do some really great things,” Roush said.

# Students share their remedies to cure homesickness

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As the sixth week of classes comes to a close, students who were dying to get out of their hometowns might find themselves missing the familiarity.

For some, it comes sooner rather than later, but one thing is for sure: homesickness is something that affects everyone eventually. The good news is, no one is going through it alone.

Freshman Addison Passiglia has already experienced this in her first six weeks away from home.

“I really get homesick over the

weekend. It’s when there is a lot of downtime and you don’t have any classes to keep you busy,” Passiglia said.

“It’s then that it is really easy to start missing your bed and your family.”

Like many others, Passiglia calls home when she starts to get homesick.

“My mom has been really good about letting me call her whenever I need to. Other than that, I really try to get myself out of the dorm and hang out with my friends or with my roommate,” Passiglia said.

However, Freshmen are not the only ones who suffer from homesickness.

Sophomore Devin Williams has also experienced his fair share of homesickness.

“I get homesick when it gets close to the holiday season. Holidays are a big deal in my family and it is really important to us to be together during this time,” Williams said.

Williams keeps in close contact with his parents and little brothers during this time of year and likes to call them every now and again.

Although students call home when they are homesick, Wellness Center counselor Michael Mattock warns students that calling home too much can actually be harmful.

“I really encourage students to balance time spent calling home and time spent investing here,” Mattock said. “With classes, homework, and activities, it can be really hard for students to be fully present here at school if they are trying to be fully present at home as well.”

With over 150 organizations on campus, it is really easy for Northwest students to be involved and find a place to fit in. Wellness Center counselor Courtney Koch also has a recommendation to prevent homesickness.

“Most of the time it helps if students get involved early,” Koch said. “Get connected in some way to the

campus or the community.”

It takes time to become completely comfortable in a new setting, and Northwest is willing to do whatever it takes to make it feel like a second home.

“Students should know that they are never alone in how they are feeling. It is a very normal thing to become homesick. If things get bad enough and you feel as though you need to talk to someone, make a visit to the Wellness Center. We are always here for you,” Mattock said.

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We’re not here to baby you. We cook for you because we care about you and the moment you start to expect it, we stop wanting to do it. Only children should expect us to

cook for them.

Once you enter the real world you will need to cook decently enough that your taste buds don’t cause you to regurgitate.

A small tip: if all else fails, order her favorite take-out. As long as she is fed, you’ve kept her rage at bay for another day.

College is the perfect time to learn this skill, that way if you royally mess up, it’s not as large of an embarrassment when your peers find out just how terrible you are.

There will be a time where you need to fend for yourself and pizza

rolls and Pop-Tarts can only nourish you for so long before it becomes sickening. Cooking is a survival skill and even the most basic knowledge will help you in the long run. Even pirates knew how to cook, otherwise they died of scurvy.

It’s really for you. Take-out costs pile up and junk food is more expensive than real food. If all else fails, spaghetti is difficult to mess up.

*The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.*

# New Northwest theater students showcase their talent

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For theater majors, experience on stage is always an important part of the learning process. The Northwest theater program understands this and puts on a showcase for the new students.

Theatre Northwest hosted its 25th annual Freshman and Transfer Showcase Oct. 1-3. The new members put on the first show of the season.

“The World of Carl Sandburg is our Freshman and Transfer Showcase for the 2015-2016 Theatre Northwest season,” said Kathryn Bilbo, Theater Northwest artistic director.

“The Freshman and Transfer

Showcase is a tradition in the department in which the first show of the season is cast solely of our new students in order to give them experience on our stage straight away and help them learn the procedures and expectations of our theatre program,” Bilbo said.

“I got a lot of personal growth out of this show,” Sophomore Kali Coates said. “Getting to know my fellow first year students was also a great opportunity because now I have 13 friends I can say ‘hi’ to on the sidewalk or wave to in the hallways.”

“Our freshmen and transfer students audition for the Showcase during the first week of the fall semester,

are cast by the director and assigned their roles,” Bilbo said.

After the director assigned the roles rehearsals begin the second week of classes.

Faculty outside of the theater department also helped with the production.

“We were pleased to have Phil Beskid, instructor of communication and mass media, providing live music during the production; as well as Charles Schultz, Ph.D., emeritus professor, providing the voice of Abraham Lincoln,” Bilbo said.

The Freshman and Transfer Showcase tradition continues to give new theater students at Northwest the experience of performing.





Head Coach Adam Dorrell stands with his players in the tunnel before taking the field Saturday, Sept. 26, against Central Oklahoma.

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**FOOTBALL**  
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In the matchup against Northeastern State, the Bearcats were able to run the ball for 264 yards behind a banged up offensive line. Offensive linemen sophomore Ryan Huff, and freshman Jackson Morrison, both made their first career starts for the Bearcats.

Northwest will try to carry the momentum of that performance into this week against the Harris-led Li-

ons defense.

“I think it gave us a lot of confidence to see how well we can play if we practice well,” Smith said. “While we played well and ran the ball well, going back and watching the film there are still things that we could do a lot better. I think that extra confidence is going to help us throughout the rest of the season, but knowing that there are still things to work on is going to help us just as much.”

The Lindenwood offense should

not pose much of a threat to the dominant Northwest defense. Northwest heads into week six ranked No. 1 in the MIAA in both rush and pass defense, and ranked No. 10 in Division II rush defense.

Head coach Adam Dorrel said the dominance the Bearcats have shown on the defensive side of the ball is all a part of their identity as a football team.

“It’s certainly an identity that I like as a head football coach,” Dorrel said. “To me, if you want to do

the things that our football program wants to do, you have to be not just average on defense, you have to be great on defense...I think we have some kids that are playing above their ability level right now. As a coach there’s no greater compliment you can give a kid than to tell him that he’s playing above his ability and I think that’s really neat.”

Northwest will honor America’s military this week with Military Appreciation Week. The Bearcats will wear camo jerseys with American

Flag-style paw logos on their helmets.

Dorrel said the Bearcats will take the opportunity to celebrate this event throughout the entire week of practice.

“It’s Military Appreciation week, and that’s a big deal for a lot of our kids,” Dorrel said. “We do stuff throughout the week. We play patriotic music at practice. The kids come up with the playlists. It’s fun and makes for some good-spirited practices.”



Maryville Head Coach Matt Webb focuses on his players out on the field Friday evening in Smithville.

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**WEBB**  
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Webb said he credits the coaches along the way for his passion for coaching.

“I enjoyed playing fall sports in high school and I was then fortunate enough to play football at William Jewell College,” Webb said. “I really realized the guys that made a difference in my life growing up were my coaches. It was something I enjoyed and I love the game of football. It is the reason why I picked coaching as my career choice.”

After moving around from place to place to coach football, stability becomes a factor for any coach after starting a family. Webb said stability played a factor in his journey back to Maryville.

“I always tried to keep the three f’s into perspective,” Webb said. “For me that was faith, family and football in that order. We were at a time in our lives where we had young children and we wanted them in a good school district and a good community around them. That played a huge

role into us coming here.”

“You can compile all the things that go into a coach’s decision, but if you have the opportunity, you want to go into an established program that has a great tradition,” Webb said. “The community really supports it and that’s all the things you want in a career move like that.”

Because he was a part of the Spoofhound program as a student, Webb knew the tradition that came with the territory. Not many coaches can say they were given the opportunity to coach at their alma mater. Webb said he takes pride in knowing that everyday he steps out on to the field.

“There is a lot of pride in realizing that I practiced on the same practice field and played games on the same field,” Webb said. “I think that had large effect in my decision. Being from here made a big difference.”

Webb has been an influence in the players lives since coming back to the program. Junior quarterback Trey Oglesby said his influence goes beyond the gridiron.

“He is someone we all look up

to,” Oglesby said. “He is not just a coach to us, he is a friend. We go to him when we need to talk about something. He is just a guy you want to be around. He not only knows a lot about football, but he knows about life too.”

Since taking over the head coaching position, Webb has found his stability in the Spoofhound program in his fourth season.

Webb will try to lead Maryville to victory this weekend as they take on their heated rival, Savannah, during homecoming week.

Webb said each team’s slates are wiped clean because a rivalry has a whole different meaning.

“It is a rivalry game which makes it fun for the players and coaches,” Webb said. “This week is a special week. It is our job to go out Friday night and get the win. Savannah is a good football team. They are very multiple on offense. They have won three games in a row after starting the season against some hard competition. When you play Savannah, you throw the records out because you know it is going to be a hard fought football game.”

**MIDWEST**  
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Now, for the Nebraska Cornhuskers. Maybe I should have started with this disclaimer, but I am a Nebraska fan. I was born and raised on Husker football, and what I’ve seen from them so far is sickening.

For those of you who were watching actual football games, Nebraska suffered an embarrassing loss at the hands of an Illinois team that could go down as one of the worst teams ever to beat the Cornhuskers.

The Huskers are known for smashmouth, ground and pound football with a defense that would give head coaches nightmares. This season, the Cornhuskers are ranked 101st in total defense out of 127 teams in the NCAA. I couldn’t be more embarrassed.

Now, I’ll move to the NFL and the Kansas City Chiefs. I’ve been hearing for the past few weeks that the Chiefs are better than what their record shows, but with each loss the validity of that argument dwindles.

The Chiefs went 19-straight

games without throwing a touchdown pass to a wide receiver. For those of you who are not football fans, the main goal for wide receivers is to catch touchdown passes.

The Chiefs finally broke that streak against the Denver Broncos as Alex Smith found Missouri Tigers product Jeremy Maclin for a touchdown.

Starting quarterback Alex Smith is slowly becoming known as the “Check-down King,” as he continuously checks the ball down to running back Jamaal Charles and tight end Travis Kelce.

I will give the Chiefs credit, they have had one of the toughest opening schedules of any NFL team. Only time will tell whether the Chiefs will turn their season around.

Call it nostalgia, but I wish we could go back to the days of the Big 12, seeing Nebraska and Missouri battle it out, and yes, even Kansas. Things just aren’t the same.

For many fans around the midwest, the countdown to basketball season has already begun.

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Members of the Northwest Cross Country team take off at the starting line during the Bearcat Open meet Sept. 8 in Maryville.

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# Cross Country puts on strong showing in Arkansas

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One thing was made clear for the Northwest Missouri State cross country team after their last invitational; everything is starting to come together.

Four weeks after the Northwest Cross Country team opened the season at the Bearcat Open at home in Maryville, the team traveled to Fayetteville, Ark. to compete in the 27th annual Arkansas Chili Pepper Festival.

With 98 teams total, including Division I programs, Northwest put together a solid meet. The men’s



team finished No. 5 overall and the women’s team finished No. 13 overall.

For the men’s team, strong performances from its top athletes helped propel them to a top five finish. Senior Nolan Zimmer had the best finish for the Bearcats as he placed 53rd overall with a time of 24:57.87.

Junior Wick Cunningham competed in the eight-kilometer event, where he finished 65th overall with a time of 25:10.72.

According to Head Coach Scott Lorek, the best is yet to come.

“We still need to put together a good meet,” Lorek said. “The men’s team beat the No. 2 team in the re-

gion but lost to the No. 4 team.”

A strong outing from junior Tim Grundmayer also helped the men’s team. Grundmayer finished 120th with a time of 25:45.66. According to Grundmayer, he was the beneficiary of people rising to the occasion.

“It was the beginning of everything coming together,” Grundmayer said. “It’s the result of people stepping up. I also had to step up because I feel that my performance was the first step in my teammates coming together.”

“This was Tim’s (Grundmayer) best race yet,” Lorek said. “He was our seventh guy at first and our fourth.”

On the women’s side, a 13th place finish was a result of things starting to come together. Senior Jessica Johnson placed the highest on the women’s team with a time of 18:33:78. Sophomore Samantha Laurenzo competed in the five-kilometer event. She finished the race with a time of 18:42.39, which earned her a 144th place finish.

Senior Brooklyn Ellis and sophomore Mikayla Engeman also placed in the top 225. Junior McKenzie Christensen rounded out the top five for the Bearcats, coming in 226th with a time of 19:44.49.

“It was a solid meet for the women’s team,” Lorek said. “All seven people put together good rac-

es, not just on one side but both. Once again, it was just things coming together. We had solid competition and a solid meet in Arkansas.”

Up next for the Bearcats is the Lewis Invitational. Lorek said he thinks the upcoming challenge should be great for the team.

“Everything is coming together,” appears to be the theme for the Bearcat cross country team as it heads to Romeoville, Ill. for the Lewis Invitational Oct. 10. With this being the first time the team has competed in back-to-back weeks, continuity is key as Northwest looks to continue its strong season.

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## FOOTBALL

MIAA Standings	Overall	MIAA
NORTHWEST.....	5-0	5-0
Emporia St.....	5-0	5-0
Fort Hays St.....	4-1	4-1
Pittsburg St.....	4-1	4-1
Central Missouri.....	3-2	3-2
Missouri Western.....	3-2	3-2
Washburn.....	3-2	3-2
Lindenwood.....	1-4	1-4
Missouri Southern.....	1-4	1-4
Central Oklahoma.....	1-4	1-4
Nebraska-Kearney.....	0-5	0-5
Northeastern St.....	0-5	0-5

**Oct. 10**  
NORTHWEST vs. Lindenwood  
Pittsburg St. at Emporia State  
Fort Hays St. at Missouri Western

**Oct. 17**  
NORTHWEST at Pittsburg St.  
Emporia St. at Fort Hays St.  
Central Missouri at Central Oklahoma

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

MIAA Standings	Overall	MIAA
Central Oklahoma.....	6-3-1	3-0-1
Central Missouri.....	9-1	3-1
Northeastern St.....	8-2	3-1
Fort Hays St.....	6-4	3-1
Southwest Baptist.....	6-4	3-1
Nebraska-Kearney.....	3-4-3	2-1-1
Emporia St.....	6-4	2-2
Missouri Western.....	5-3-1	1-2-1
NORTHWEST.....	2-5-2	1-3
Washburn.....	2-6-2	1-3
Lindenwood.....	1-6-3	0-3-1
Missouri Southern.....	2-8	0-4

**Oct. 9**  
NORTHWEST at Emporia St.  
**Oct. 11**  
NORTHWEST at Washburn

## VOLLEYBALL

MIAA Standings	Overall	MIAA
Central Oklahoma.....	16-1	5-0
Washburn.....	16-1	4-1
Central Missouri.....	15-2	3-1
Missouri Western.....	11-4	3-1
NORTHWEST.....	10-4	3-1
Nebraska-Kearney.....	13-4	3-2
Emporia St.....	8-6	3-2
Fort Hays St.....	10-7	2-3
Lindenwood.....	8-6	1-3
Southwest Baptist.....	2-12	0-4
Missouri Southern.....	1-14	0-4
Pittsburg St.....	0-16	0-5

**Oct. 9**  
NORTHWEST vs. Lindenwood  
**Oct. 10**  
NORTHWEST vs. Central Missouri

## MHS FOOTBALL

MEC Standings	Overall	MEC
MARYVILLE.....	7-0	5-0
Smithville.....	5-2	4-1
Chillicothe.....	5-2	3-2
Savannah.....	4-3	3-2
Benton.....	3-4	2-3
Lafayette.....	3-4	2-3
Bishop LeBlond.....	2-5	1-4
Cameron.....	1-6	0-5

**Oct. 2**  
Savannah at MARYVILLE  
Chillicothe at Smithville  
Bishop LeBlond at Lafayette

**Oct. 9**  
MARYVILLE vs. Lafayette

# Tennis falls in district after historic season

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Maryville tennis concluded one of the most historic regular seasons in its school history by losing to Chillicothe in the team District Finals with a score of 5-4 last Friday.

Although the team posted a 10-0 record this year, going undefeated for the first time in 29 years, the Lady Spoofhounds go home disappointed.

The Spoofhound’s journey to the district championship began in their semifinal match when they faced off with the Trenton Bulldogs last Thursday.

If a team wins five out of the nine scheduled matches, it wins the match and advances to the next round. In the district semi-final match, this structure played right into the Lady Spoofhounds hands.

Maryville cruised past Trenton with a score of 5-0. Once a team reaches five wins, all the matches end to prevent any further injuries.

The Maryville doubles team of Kelly Filips and Lauren Macali defeated their opponents by a score of 8-1. The No. 2 doubles team for the Spoofhounds, Bailey White and Maddy Stelter defeated their Trenton opponents 8-5.

The last doubles match consisted of Hanah Kizer and Bethel Orshiso who won 8-3. The No. 1 and No. 2 Lady Spoofhounds wrapped things up for the day as Fillips won her singles match 6-1 6-2 and Macali won her singles match 6-0 6-2.

There was no rest for the Spoofhounds as the District Finals were the next day. Maryville faced off against the defending

champions, the Chillicothe Hornets.

The doubles teams took the court first yet again. Maryville only managed to get one doubles win. This came from the team of Filips and Macali by a score of 8-3.

The team of Stelter and White fell to the duo of Downing and Minnis of Chillicothe 2-8. Orshiso and Kizer also fell to their Hornet opponents.

Going into the singles matches, the Spoofhounds were down in the match by a score of 1-2, but they held their heads high. Stelter quickly evened the odds with a win over Minnis by scores of 6-3 and 6-4.

Maryville was then able to win two of the next three singles matches, with two of the wins coming from Orshiso by scores of 6-1 and 6-2.

With only two matches remaining and the Spoofhounds needing one more win to capture a District title, all the momentum was on their side.

“We had our opportunities, we just couldn’t capitalize,” head coach Nicole McGinness said.

In a flash, all of the momentum vanished as Macali lost her match to Downing in a thrilling 6-2, 3-6, 2-6 defeat. With one match remaining, it came down to the two No. 6 varsity players on both teams.

Kizer won the first set for the Spoofhounds by a score of 6-3 but could not finish the job as Fechig of Chillicothe took the last two sets 3-6 and 3-6. The win gave Chillicothe its third straight District Championship.

“It’s obviously disappointing to see other team react after (the match), it’s rough to see that,” Macali said.





# Senior leader impacts team in multiple ways

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For four years at Northwest Missouri State, senior Crystal McElhose has shown hard work and pride, all of which embodies the Bearcat way. Whether it has been through her leadership or consistent play, McElhose has always stood out to her coaches and teammates.



“She’s a no nonsense, hard working type of person,” soccer Head Coach Tracy Hoza said. “Our players look up to her, they know ‘this where I need to be.’ She has always been at the top in our aerobic fitness testing and we want players to be just like her when it comes to the aerobic capacity and the fitness capacity on the field.”

McElhose started playing soccer at the age of seven and it was then that she developed a love for the game. McElhose also played other sports, but the never-ending competitiveness of soccer is why she focused on it the most.

McElhose’s tough and passionate approach towards soccer at a young age paid off as she became a three-year starter at Sioux City East High School. During her junior year of high school, McElhose realized her potential and knew she wanted to continue playing soccer beyond high school and into the collegiate ranks. Besides thinking about her



Senior midfielder Crystal McElhose drives around a Southwest Baptist player Oct. 10. The Bearcats lost 1-4.

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future, McElhose also played a big role in helping her team achieve stability and success.

“We did pretty well,” McElhose said. “We did start off a little rocky (during my freshman year) but as we progressed to my senior year we got a lot better and we made a couple state appearances,” McEl-

hose said. “We made it to the second round of state my junior year and the first round my senior year. We were pretty good, we were conference champions one of those years, so it was just a great environment to be around. The girls were awesome.”

Besides becoming one of the more effective players on the team,

McElhose developed into a proven leader among her fellow teammates. McElhose’s leadership and performance did not go unnoticed, as she was named captain of the all-conference team twice. After a successful high school career, McElhose knew right away that Northwest was the perfect fit for her.

“When it came to Northwest, it was a very homey environment,” McElhose said. “I also have relatives here, so that was awesome knowing that if I were to come here I would have a home away from home.”

McElhose did not become a full-time starter until her second year at Northwest, but coach Hoza knew that she could develop into a better soccer player because of her approach to the game.

After becoming a full-time starter, McElhose, like she did in high school, displayed strong leadership. This leadership is what Hoza has been able to build a foundation on. Northwest may not have been as successful as her team in high school, but McElhose feels accomplished by the relationships she has formed with the other players and the impact she has made on the team.

“My teammates, they have become my best friends, I could not ask for anymore than that,” McElhose said. “The friendships that I have made here have been remarkable and that’s mainly what I’ll remember from this experience at Northwest. It makes me really proud, especially how I came here as a freshman and then seeing where I am now just being the leader and people expecting a lot from me. That kind of pushes me to be better and makes me become a stronger player because I like how much I’ve grown just from being here. That’s a great feeling to be a part of.”

# Upperclassmen leading charge for surging volleyball team

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Through its first 15 games of the season, the Northwest Volleyball team has gotten off to its best start during Head coach Amy Woerth’s tenure. Woerth believes some of that success can be attributed to the veteran leadership that surrounds her team.



“I think that experience has been a big one for us,” Woerth said. “I think team chemistry has been big thing for us and if you don’t have leaders orchestrating that, you don’t have the chemistry that you need. I feel like our leaders this year, they understood and watched from years past how other people led and they wanted to do it a different way.”

Senior Shelby Duren and senior Jordan Trimble are the team captains, but they have learned to lead in different ways. Duren has been with the team the longest and be-

cause of that, Woerth knows she can rely on her. Trimble was a transfer, but through her hard work and ability to run the offense, she has gained the respect and attention from her coaches and fellow teammates.

Together, through tough play and strong command of the team, Duren and Trimble have combined forces to push their team to 10 victories. Their presence in the locker room and on court has been felt by their teammates.

“I think a lot of that (success) comes from our captains keeping us focused, our seniors keeping us focused and it helps that we have that strong leadership from them,” junior Jackie Becker said. “They remind us that every game is a different game, every team is a different team and we’ve got to remember that we can’t get cocky, we can’t have our heads get too big.”

Duren and Trimble are not the only two players who have taken on leadership roles for the team. Wo-

erth has also seen Becker, junior Miranda Foster and sophomore Sarah Dannettell step up and help out. Like Duren, Becker, Foster and Dannettell have all played for Woerth from the time they were freshmen and that accrued experience has gained her trust.

A lot of teams at Northwest have had veteran leadership in the past, but the leadership on Woerth’s team is unique because they each lead in different and diverse ways.

“Shelby (Duren) keeps her head on,” Woerth said. “She is very consistent, so that is very important when it comes to leadership. I feel like Jackie (Becker) can lead with some intensity and she can also go out and do that. She can be intense when she plays. Miranda (Foster) leads by communication, she likes to organize things by communication. Sarah (Dannettell), she also leads by communication. She’s always communicating with people and making sure that the connections are there



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Senior Shelby Duren celebrates with her teammates after a match point.

when it comes to the set.”

There are 13 games left in the regular season and as the Bearcats creep deeper into the heart of their schedule, they will be facing talented teams. During that challenging stretch, the strong veteran leadership they have become accustomed to will become more of an asset.

“Whether we make or break it,

it is going to depend on our leadership,” Foster said. “I have complete faith in the leadership of our team this season. I feel like everyone has the potential to lead on our team. Everyone has great insight to volleyball. We have high volleyball IQ’s and it’s incredible the different assets we have on our team.”

# ATHLETES of the WEEK



## BEARCATS

Phil Jackson II



The junior running back rushed for 58 yards and two touchdowns as the Bearcats took down Northeastern State 59-7 Oct. 3rd.

Kaleigh Ashen

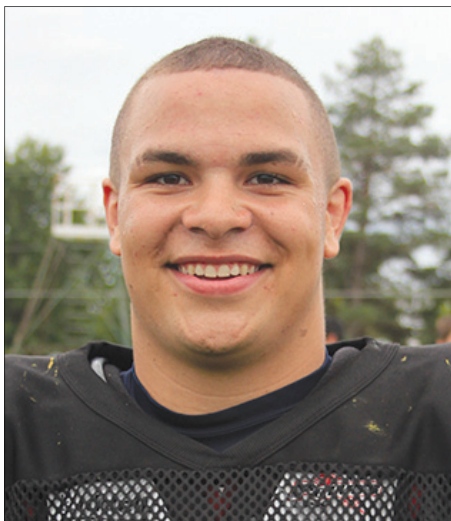


The freshman for the Northwest golf team finished second overall and set a Northwest individual record with a round of 72 in the Bearcat Fall Classic Oct. 5.

## SPOOFHOUNDS



Elijah Green



The junior running back carried the ball nine times for 135 yards and two touchdowns as the Spoofhounds defeated Smithville 43-7 Oct. 2nd.

Mollie Holtman



The senior for the golf team won the Class 1, Section 4 tournament with a round of 78 as the Spoofhounds missed the cut for the state tournament.





Senior Dakota Beemer exchanges a friendly handshake with Head Coach Matt Webb after Beemer scored a touchdown for the Spoofhounds Friday evening against Smithville.

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Familiar territory

After coaching in the college ranks, Matt Webb has success leading his alma mater.

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In the town where he grew up, at his alma mater where he played linebacker, Matt Webb was one of four finalists for the position of head football coach.

In 2012, Webb and his wife drove 17 hours from Hammond, Louisiana to Maryville to interview for the head coaching position for the Spoofhounds.

After the interview, they met up with a few friends for a late lunch.



Shortly after lunch, Webb received a call to come back to the high school before leaving town.

Not only was he offered to be Maryville's next head football coach, his wife also accepted a position at the high school. This was a move he had been eyeing since the position opened.

"I pursued the job because I am from here," Webb said. "I had friends saying 'hey we are looking for a coach,' but at the same time I pursued the job myself. I applied for the job then came up for an interview and I realized this is a situation

I wanted to be in. I wanted to have that opportunity to be the next head coach here."

Webb had a long journey prior to being named head coach for the Spoofhounds. Webb's resume quickly piled up when he left Maryville after high school.

He accepted an offer to play football for William Jewell College. He played linebacker for the Cardinals, earning all-conference honors three times.

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Bearcats not overlooking a struggling Lindenwood team

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In Division II football, there is no such thing as a "tune-up" game. Athletes and coaches alike cannot afford to overlook any opponent, something Bearcat football head coach Adam Dorrel made abundantly clear. "I don't ever use words like 'tune-up' in this profession," Dorrel said. "I think when you do that, that's when you get beat and lose your job. I think it's foolish for any type of coach to talk like that... We're trying to go 1-0 each



week." Last week, the Bearcats took down Northeastern State (0-4) which is ranked last in the MIAA. This week, the Bearcats face off against the No. 9 Lindenwood Lions (1-4).

Although Lindenwood comes into its game against Northwest with just one win, they still have some firepower that could pose some challenges for the Bearcats.

The Lindenwood defense has found a star in sophomore linebacker Connor Harris. Harris is leading the MIAA in tackles with 45, averaging 16.8 tackles-per-game. Not

only that, but Harris has had time at punter and quarterback for the Lions as well.

"There's definitely a point of emphasis on (Harris) because he's such a great player, he's such a good athlete, and he makes so many tackles," senior offensive lineman Shane Smith said. "One of the things that we have got to focus on is getting a body on him and trying to get somebody up there to block him, lock him up and take him away. If you take him away, we feel like we can be successful, but obviously that is a pretty tall task."

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LINDENWOOD

ST. CHARLES, MO  
MIAA  
1-4  
NO. 9  
  
NO. 9  
  
NO. 9

LOCATION  
CONFERENCE  
RECORD  
CONFERENCE STANDING  
TOTAL OFFENSE  
CONFERENCE RANK  
TOTAL DEFENSE  
CONFERENCE RANK



NORTHWEST

MARYVILLE, MO  
MIAA  
5-0  
NO. 1  
  
NO. 6  
  
NO. 1

Midwest football leaves fans embarrassed

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Although the football season is still young, I have already had enough. I am sick and tired of watching this bad brand of football from the Division I and NFL teams that many people around the area are fans of.

I will start my rant with the Missouri Tigers. Since many of my friends are Mizzou fans, I have watched a lot of their games this season.

I watched them struggle for four quarters against Arkansas State. I watched them barely sneak away with an embarrassing 9-6 win against Connecticut. An SEC team could only score nine points on a UConn team that only won two games year before. Not to mention this game was at Mizzou's home stadium.

The Monday after the game, somehow, Missouri was still seen as the 25th best team in the NCAA. The SEC bias is real, you guys.

Missouri then lost to Kentucky, a team that is widely known as the joke of SEC football. This same Kentucky team almost lost to Eastern

Kentucky. The good news is, the polls got it right this time by dropping the Tigers from the top-25 rankings.

Mizzou did bounce back with a grind-it-out win against South Carolina, but come on, the Old Ball Coach Steve Spurrier is on his last leg, and the Gamecocks don't have the same firepower that they are known for.

With their starting quarterback Matty Mauk suspended indefinitely, it doesn't look like things will be turning around any time soon for the Tigers.

Now for the real jokes of the midwest, the Kansas Jayhawks. I debated on whether or not to include them in this column because it is so widely known how bad they are.

The Jayhawks opened their season up with a loss to the South Dakota State Jackrabbits. The Jackrabbits aren't even in the same league as the Kansas Jayhawks. I mean that literally. They are a part of the FCS, which is one rank down from Division I athletics.

Kansas followed this up by losing to Memphis, Rutgers and Iowa State. Look on the bright side Kansas fans, it's almost basketball season.

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